



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

**BRACEWELL & PATTERSON LLP
SOUTH TOWER PENNZOIL PLACE
711 LOUISIANA STREET,
SUITE 2900
HOUSTON TX 77002-2781**

**COPY MAILED
MAR 12 2010**

In re Patent No. 6,608,395 :
Issue Date: August 19, 2003 :
Application No. 09/537,023 : **NOTICE**
Filed: May 28, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No. 046614.008017 :

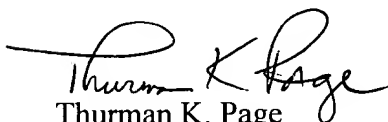
This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. **See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).**

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. **1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989).** Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **ACCEPTED.**

This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, all future fees paid in this application must be paid at the large entity rate.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to Diane Goodwyn at (571) 272-6735.


Thurman K. Page
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions